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SUBJECT: MINOFF STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT ON ITALIAN/MALTESE

TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

REF: VALLETTA 0686

1. PRIME MINISTER MINOFF INFORMED PARLIAMENT ON JUNE 23
THAT THE TWO-YEAR OLD MILITARY/TECHNICAL COOPERATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN MALTA AND ITALY HAS BEEN EXTENDED
FROM JULY 1975 UNTIL THE END OF 1976. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED
THAT THE AGREEMENT COULD BE EXTENDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL
YEAR BY A SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE
TWO GOVERNMENTS.

2. THE TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER MINOFF'S STATEMENT WAS
AS FOLLOWS:

"THE AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED IN THIS HOUSE ON

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OCTOBER 22, 1973, WAS FOR TWO YEARS WHICH END ON

JULY 26 -- NEXT MONTH.

"ACCORDING TO THIS AGREEMENT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS TO PROVIDE AID FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS IN MALTA UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

"THIS AID IS GIVEN BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE FORM OF TRAINING OF MEMBERS OF THE PIONEER CORPS AND OF DIRGHAIN IL-MALTIN ON INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS; IT IS ALSO GIVEN IN THE FORM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS WHICH STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY'S INFRASTRUCTURE.

"FOLLOWING TALKS BETWEEN THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC BUILDING AND WORKS, THE NON. LORRY SANT, AND ITALIAN MINISTERT<@A(9FJ

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